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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6827**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1581

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Preschool and Kindergarten Programs.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Porter

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that when adequate funds are available, a school corporation must conduct a full-day kindergarten and preschool program.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill requires school corporations to provide full-day kindergarten programs and preschool programs when adequate funds are available. Schools would be implementing the programs within their revenue constraints. Some schools may have adequate funds to implement the programs before other schools.

**Background:** Of the approximately 78,000 students enrolled in kindergarten, about 56,000, or 72%, are enrolled in a full-day program. The additional costs to local schools of providing a full-day kindergarten program could range from \$82 M to \$168 M. The cost would vary depending on the experience of the teachers hired and if new classrooms would be needed.

There are about 12,900 pre-kindergarten students enrolled in schools. Most, if not all, are enrolled in the special education preschool program. The number of additional students that might be enrolled in pre-school programs for 4- and 5-year-olds is about 148,000 students. There are about 80,000 children per age group.

Assuming a half-day program, the additional expense for schools could be between \$252 M to \$583 M, depending on staff costs and building construction that might be required.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Schools.

**Information Sources:**

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